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SUBJECT: GUYANESE CONCERN OVER CUBAN EXILE ACTIVITY

REF: GEORGETOWN 1776, PORT OF SPAIN 2276

SUMMARY: FONMIN WILLS CALLED ME AGAIN LATE THIS AFTERNOON
AND REQUESTED THAT I COME TO HIS OFFICE FOR DISCUSSION TOMMOROW
(SEPT 7) AT 9:00 A.M. ABOUT CUBAN BOMBING AND EXILE ACTIVITY.
AS HE HAD BEEN PLEASED WITH OUR RAPID RESPONSE LAST FRIDAY, I SUSPECT
HIS NEW CONCERN HAS BEEN STIMULATED BY A CANA DESPATCH PUBLISHED
HERE TODAY QUOTING MIAMI SOURCES AND INDICATING THAT THE CUBAN
ORGANIZATION WHICH CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOMBING OF GUYANA'S
CONSULATE IN PORT OF SPAIN WAS HOLDING A CONGRESS IN MIAMI OVER THE
WEEKEND TO PLAN FURTHER ACTIVITIES. REQUEST DEPARTMENT PROVIDE
AND AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON WHETHER SUCH A MEETING TOOK PLACE.

1. FORNMIN WILLS CALLED ME LATE THIS AFTERNOON (SEPTEMBER 6)
TO REQUEST I VISIT HIS OFFICE AT 9:00 A.M. SEPTEMBER 7 FOR ANOTHER
TALK ON THE ACTIVITIES OF CUBAN EXILE GROUPS. HE SAID THAT THE
"BOMBING THING" IS STILL GIVING ME FITS". HE INQUIRED IF I
KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT "RIVISTA DE LAS AMERICAS" PUBLISHED IN MEXICO
AND MENTION OF GUYANA IN IT. IN SIMILAR VIEN HE INQUIRED IF I
KNEW OF A NEW YORK TELEVISION PROGRAM FEATURING GIL NOBLE AND
CALLED "TAKE IT EASY" WHICH HAS BEEN ATTACKING GUYANA. IN BOTH
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CASES MY ANSWER WAS NEGATIVE.

2. LAST FRIDAY NIGHT, WILLS HAD BEEN DELIGHTED WITH BOTH THE RAPIDITY AND SUBSTANCE OF OUR RESPONSE ON THE BOMBING OF THE GUYANESE CONSULATE GENERAL IN PORT OF SPAIN AND HAD ORDERED THAT MY STATEMENT BE BROADCAST IMMEDIATELY OVER BOTH RADIO STATION AND THAT THE NEXT MORNINGS "CHRONICLE" PUBLISH IT. ITS APPEARANCE ON THE FRONT PAGE WILLS FELT WOULD DISPEL CONCERNS HERE THAT THE US WAS IN ANY WAY ALLOWING THE CUBAN EXILES TO USE MIAMI AS A BASE FOR PLANNING AND ORGANIZING TERRORIST ATTACKS.

3. UNFORTUNATELY, THE CHORNICLE TODAY (SEPTEMBER 6) RAN A CANA ARTICLE DATELINED KINGSTON UNDER A RED INK HEADLINE "REBEL GROUP MAY STEP UP TERRORISM IN CARIB". THE ARTICLE LEAD OFF WITH: "A MIAMI BASED ANTI-CASTRO GROUP WHICH HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECENT BOMBINGS IN SOME CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES, IS LIKELY TO INCREASE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN THE REGION, INFORMED SOURCES IN MIAMI HAVE SAID. THE GROUP, THE UNITED REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION (ORU) IS HAVING A CONGRESS IN MIAMI THIS WEEKEND TO PLAN ITS FUTURE PROGRAMME OF ATTACKS ON COUNTRIES WHICH ARE FRIENDLY TO THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF CUBA, THE SOURCES ADDED". "THE MIAMI SOURCES SAID THAT THE GROUP WAS FORMED RECENTLY OF FIVE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATIONS ALL BASED IN MIAMI, AND IS UNDERSTOOD TO ENJOY THE TACIT SUPPORT OF SOME BRANCES OF THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE SERVICES."

4. THE CANA ARTICLE ALSO ALLEGED THAT "ORU" HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOMBINGS IN JAMAICA, BARBADOS, TRINIDAD AND GUYANA, INCLUDING THE EXPLOSION LAST WEEK IN THE GUYANA CONSULATE. THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT THE TERRORIST GROUP HAD SAID "THE BOMB HAD BEEN PLACED THERE BECAUSE GUYANA WAS FRIENDLY TO THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT, AND HAD ALLOWED CUBAN TROOP TRANSPORTS BOUND FOR ANGOLA TO BE REFUELLED ON GUYANESE TERRITORY."

5. THE REMAINDER OF THE ARTICLE PROVIDED BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON ORU AND THE PAST TERRORIST ACTIVITIES OF CUBAN EXILES. IT ALLEGED THAT ORLAND BOSCH IS ORU'S CHIEF. I SUSPECT THAT THE ARTICLE HAS CONFUSED ORU WITH COORDINATION OF UNITED REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATIONS (CORU).

6. ACTION REQUESTED: I ANTICIPATE THAT THE CANA ARTICLE STIMULATED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILLS REQUEST FOR ME TO VISIT HIM TOMMOROW AND THAT HE WILL ASK ME WHETHER A CONGRESS OF CUBAN EXILES WAS HELD IN MIAMI THIS PAST WEEKEND. CAN THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE CONFIRMATION, DENIAL, OR OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT SUCH A MEETING? I INTEND TO SUGGEST TO WILLS THAT THE CANA ARTICLE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN WITH THE MALICIOUS INTENT OF LINKING THE UNITED STATES WITH THE CUBAN EXILE ACTIVITIES AND THAT IT APPEARS SOMEONE IS TRYING TO "DESTABILIZE" US-GUYANESE RELATIONS.

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